



# **Aviation Safety Program System-Wide Accident Prevention**

FY 2001 Human Error Modeling Workshop Program Product: SvS

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## Synthetic Vision Systems



#### Project Goal:

Develop Technologies With Practical Applications That Eliminate Low Visibility Conditions As A Causal Factor To Civil Aircraft Accidents

#### >Objectives:

Develop & Demonstrate Affordable, Certifiable Display Configurations (Including Retrofit) To Provide Intuitive Out-The-Window Terrain & Obstacle Information, Including Guidance:

<u>Synthetic Vision System</u>: A <u>database derived system</u> which utilizes precise GPS navigation & integrity-monitoring sensors (as required) to provide a <u>unrestricted synthetic view</u> of the aircraft's current external environment.

#### **SVS** Characteristics:

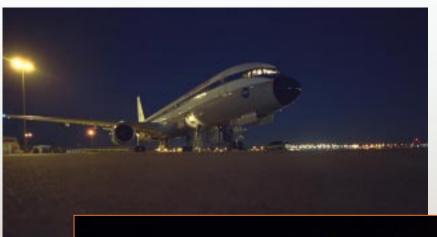
- Provides intuitive perspective view
  - > Conformality (FOV) may be selectable
- Sufficient for tactical guidance of aircraft
  - > Must meet flight-critical system requirements
  - > Containing all PFD or HUD functionality (transport category)
- Driven by Internal database & GPS position
  - > Aerodrome, terrain & obstacle database requirements vary between vehicle classes
- Integrated integrity-monitoring sensors as required
  - > Must detect/display both cooperative & uncooperative traffic around the runway environment
  - > Sensor augmentation requirements vary between vehicle classes





#### DFW Flight Test





- Dallas-Ft. Worth (DFW) Flight Test:
  - Sept-Oct 2000
  - 6 Evaluation Pilots
  - Objectives:
    - > Evaluate NASA Concepts:
      - € Retrofit Display Issues
      - € SV Display Concepts
    - > Evaluate Rockwell-Collins Head-Down Concept
      - € Targeted Near-Term Implementation Issues
    - > RIPS
      - € e.g., deceleration guidance to hold short

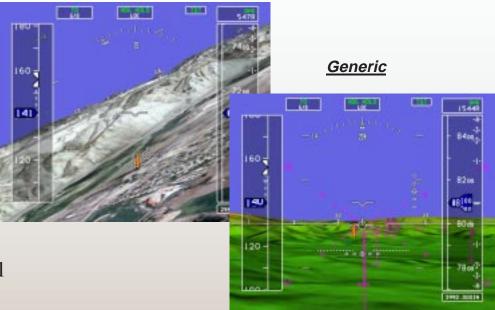


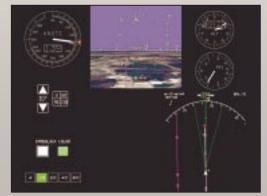
### DFW Flight Test



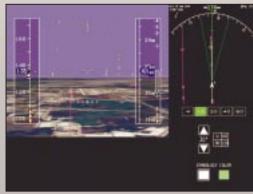
- Head-Down Display Concepts
  - Size: A/B, D, X
  - Terrain Database Texture:
    - Generic
    - Photo-realistic
  - Selectable Field of View (FOV)
    - > All Pilots Preferred Using Selectable FOVs
      - € Larger FOVs Prior to Final (~60 degrees)
      - € ~25-45 deg FOV For Runway Change
      - € Smaller FOVs Close-in on Final Approach (~30 Deg or Less, Approaching Unity Magnification)

#### Photo-Realistic





Size A/B



Size-X



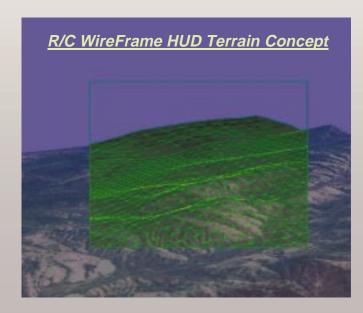
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#### NASA Photo-Realistic HUD Concept



Strokeon-Raster HUD



- *Unconventional* HUD Concept
  - Opaque, Computer-generated Terrain
     Scene With Symbology Overlay
    - > Clear, See-Thru Sky
    - > Declutter Switch Available to Remove Terrain Scene
    - > Certification Issues Identified
- Evaluated Two Terrain Texturing Techniques
  - Generic
  - Photo-Realistic



### Eagle/Vail Flight Test



- Overall Objective:
  - Evaluate Safety and Performance Benefits of SVS Display Concepts For Terrain-Challenged Airport Operations
- 3 Week EGE Deployment With ARIES
  - 45 Research Flight Hours Planned
  - Using Existing Approach Procedures
  - Simulated Instrument Meteorological Conditions







### Eagle/Vail Flight Test



- Display Device:
  - Head-Up Display (HUD)
  - Head-Down Display (HDD)
- HDD Size & Field-of-View
  - Size A/B, D, X
- Terrain Depiction
  - Generic
  - Photo-Texturing
- Display Content Issues: PFD & HUD
  - Field-of-View Vs. Display Size
  - Terrain Scene Information
  - Symbology



- -Resolution of Display Size, Field-of-View and Terrain Database Requirements
- -Strategic SVS Concept Definition
- -"Compellingness" Evaluation

>Effect of Cognitive Capture and Task Workload on Synthetic Vision System (SVS) Display Approach Performance

€SVS With & Without Tunnel, Conventional PFD

- -Certification Issues
- •Tactical SVS Concepts To Be Integrated With:
  - -Strategic (Navigation) Displays
    - >Terrain Awareness and Warning Systems (TAWS)
  - -Enhanced Vision Sensors
    - >EVS Presentation Within Tactical SVS Displays
  - -Surface Operations Display Concepts
    - >Runway Incursion Prevention Systems (RIPS)